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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 1999, Applicants elect the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

(1) liner material selected from titanium or tantalum metals or nitrides (as defined in claim 4).

If any issues remain which can be clarified by a telephone conversation, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Stanton Braden at the number listed below.

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